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1. The following indications of a possible Soviet Army fixed missile launching site were observed approximately two km. north of Hohenleipisch (51°30'N x 13°33'E):
- a) An apparent barrack, storage depot and troop training area occupies a wooded area 700 to 1000 meters wide and extending along the west side of the main Dresden-Berlin Reichsbahn tracks for a distance of about 2 km. between Hohenleipisch and the village of Rueckersdorf. The area appears to be completely fenced in and is guarded by wooden watch towers placed around the periphery at approximately 200 meter intervals. The secondary road leading from Hohenleipisch to the village of Gorden, to the northeast, has been closed off to all civilian traffic. It is not known whether official traffic of the East German National Volksarmee is permitted through.
 - b) Narrow-gauge railroad tracks are visible emerging from the southeast corner of the fenced-in area. They cross beneath the Reichsbahn line and proceed parallel on the east side all the way into the freight yards of Hohenleipisch. Approximately two km. north of Hohenleipisch, a narrow-gauge spur veers off from the north into the generally swampy and thinly-wooded Elsterwerda Forest and continues for about 600 meters where it ends on an "island" of slightly elevated, apparently hard, ground which is shielded from view on the west by pine trees (Kiefer) but is relatively open to observation from higher ground to the east.
 - c) The narrow-gauge rail spur is laid on an earth levee which appears to have recently been reinforced. Parallel to it on the same levee a corduroy road, consisting of what appear to be the trunks of trees and wide enough to accommodate two-way truck traffic, is nearing completion. Soviet soldiers have been observed working on it.
 - d) The "island" to which the track and road lead is approximately 150 meters long from north to south and 50 meters wide from east to west. Visible from the east are three identical metal posts protruding straight out of the ground and upon which parallel tracks have been attached. The tracks

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appear to be capable of traversing a vertical arc but appeared to be fixed horizontally so that the three ramps form a fan-shaped image, the tracks in the center facing due west. The tracks were an estimated 15 to 20 meters long and appeared to be between 50 to 70 cm. apart. No buildings, vehicles or other paraphernalia are yet apparent on the "island".

2. The eastern side of the fenced-in compound (la. above) is readily visible from any train traveling on the Berlin-Dresden run and the western side can be seen from the highway leading from Hohenleipisch to Oppelhain. The suspected launching ramp itself is visible only from high ground to the east about 800 meters distant.

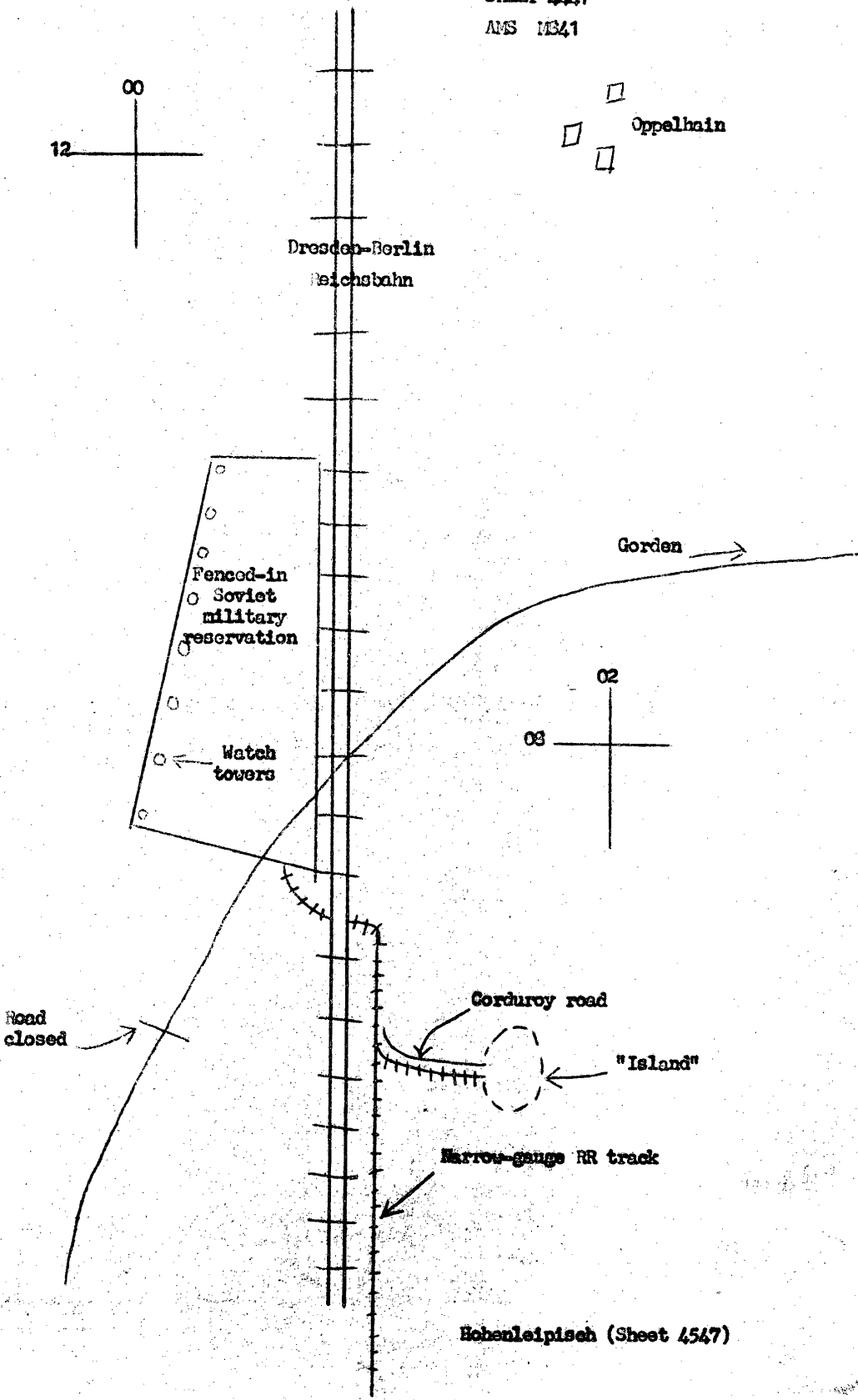
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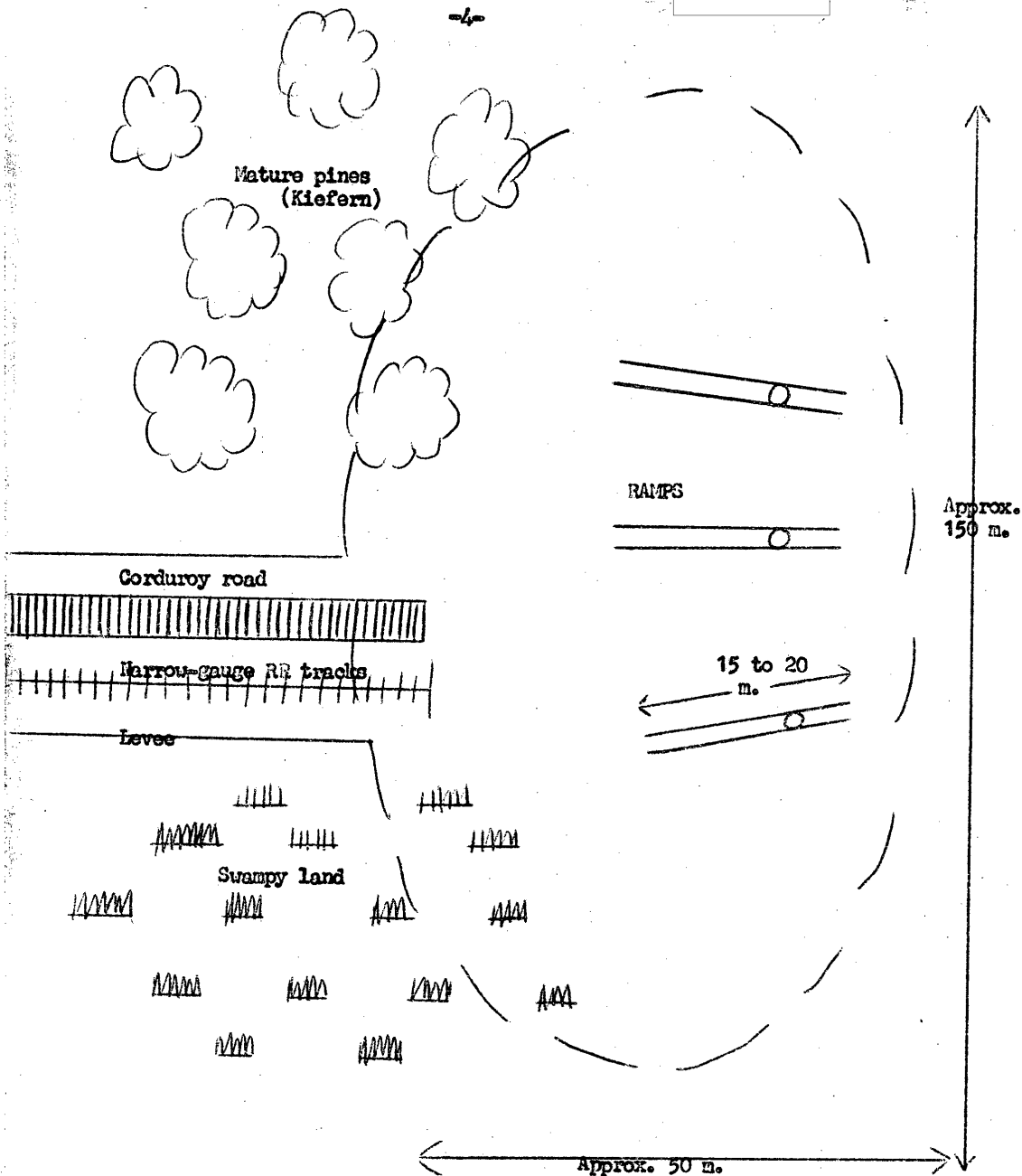


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